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### **Magistrate Yeager to host mock trial for college students** **For immediate release Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Kanawha County Magistrate Julie Yeager will preside over a mock trial in Courtroom Three, in the Kanawha County Judicial Annex, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27.

The bench trial – without a jury – will be performed in front of an audience of students from Craig Giffin’s criminal law class from Kanawha Valley Community & Technical College. Mr. Giffin, an attorney, is the Paralegal Studies Program Director, and Magistrate Yeager has been a presenter in his classes previously.

Magistrate Yeager wrote the script of the mock trial, which concerns a domestic battery case that typically would be heard in magistrate court. She has used the mock trial scenario in other educational settings.

Kanawha County Assistant Prosecutor Joey Spano will portray the prosecutor. Katherine Kessel of the Kanawha County Public Defender’s Office will play the part of the defense attorney. Other courthouse employees will take the parts of the victim and defendant.

“Interacting with professionals provides our students with insight into possible career options, and extra motivation in the classroom, as they can see the benefits of their hard work and education,” Mr. Giffin said.

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